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In re Application of:

Applicant: Clayton J. Allen, et al.

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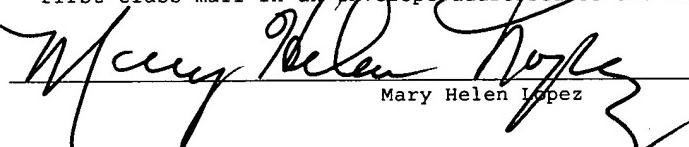
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2003, Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

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